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Mr. Ron Cioffi
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Subject: Prune Tree Pull Program

Dear Mr. Cioffi:

I would like to withdraw the request for an extension to the application process for the prune tree pull program. After several more meetings and additional letters we have been able to fully subscribe the program. Therefore we would like to eliminate any extension and finalize the program as quickly as possible. The Prune Marketing Committee needs to send the Notification so that growers may start pulling trees. We will continue to encourage growers to complete the process of removal, but success will depend on timing which will make all the difference.

I would like to thank you for hearing our concerns and working with us to assure success of this program. Your help in finalizing the program so that we can push for tree removal as soon as possible would be appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gus Collin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

H.A. "Gus" Collin III, Chairman
Prune Marketing Committee